

## Weather Forecast

Sunny and rather windy this afternoon; high about 44. Clear and cold tonight; low about 28. Tomorrow fair and milder in afternoon. (Full report on Page A-2.)

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## B-36 Completes Nonstop Flight Of 9,600 Miles

10,000-Pound Load of Bombs Carried More Than Half of Way

By the Associated Press  
FORT WORTH, Tex., Mar. 12.—A B-36 bomber with two of its six engines dead, landed at Carswell Air Base at 7:57 a.m. (CST) today after a record nonstop, non-refueling 9,600-mile flight over the United States.

It was the longest nonstop flight ever made by a B-36.

The sensational flight exceeded by 687 miles a similar simulated bomb-run flight from Fort Worth to Honolulu and return made last December 6-7, ending on Pearl Harbor Bay.

The great silver ship climbed into the air at 12:20 p.m. (CST) Thursday and flew 43 hours and 37 minutes, carrying a 10,000-pound bomb load 5,000 miles. The bombs were jettisoned in the Gulf of Mexico at 1:15 p.m. yesterday.

Carswell Air Base said it carried fuel for two more hours of flying when it landed.

**Went to Key West.**

Leaving Fort Worth the bomber flew northward over Minneapolis, then westward to circle Great Falls, Mont. Then it looped southward across the Nation in a great diagonal course to Key West, Fla.

After jettisoning its bombs, the bomber roared northwestward, passing over Denver at 7:12 o'clock last night.

Great Falls, Mont., was sighted for the second time at 10:36 last night and the plane made a turn at Spokane, Wash., at 11:58 p.m., heading homeward.

The bomber bucked into terrific headwinds at 3:56 a.m. today over Casper, Wyo.

On March 2, Carswell Field sent a smaller B-50 bomber on a nonstop trip around the world. Refueling four times in the air, the Lucky Lady II girdled the globe in 94 hours and 1 minute and flew more than 23,000 miles.

**Two on First Trip.**

Two men who made the Pearl Harbor Day distance flight were on the record-breaking trip which ended today.

They were Maj. John D. Bartlett, project officer for B-36 training for the 7th Bombardment Wing of the 8th Air Force, who directed the flight and Lt. William Grabowski, Bergenfield, N. J., flight engineer.

The Super Bomber, with Capt. Roy R. Showalter of Mobile, Ala., as pilot and plane commander and Lt. Clarence E. Horton, San Antonio as co-pilot, carried a crew of 12 men instead of the usual B-36 crew of 15.

**Members of Crew.**

Other crewmen were Capt. Earl N. Yaden, London, Ky., bombardier-navigator-radar man; Maj. Joseph A. Brown, Gillespie, Ill., aboard in the same capacity and responsible for dropping the bomb load; M. Sgt. John L. Corley, Fort Worth, and M. Sgt. Carl W. Arey, Susquehanna, Pa., flight engineers; T. Sgt. J. P. Fleming, Westland, Wyo., radio man, and S. Sgt. Clarence E. Pawkett, San Antonio; P. C. Cothern, Jr., Tampa, Fla., and Albert L. Claggett, Fort Worth, gunners.

Tired and unshaven after the flight, the men had worked eight-hour shifts while those off duty slept in the aft compartment on stretcher-type bunks the B-36 carries.

Because of engine trouble and because weather was closing in at Fort Worth, Maj. Bartlett directed the plane to land.

The engines failed today. Without engine trouble and the headwinds encountered, Maj. Bartlett was confident the plane could have exceeded 10,000 miles.

Only squadron personnel, wives of several crewmen and a few friends were on hand to welcome the returning flyers.

## \$1,000,000 Fire Burns Two Louisiana Oil Wells

By the Associated Press  
NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 12.—Metal work of two oil wells smashed by explosions is crumbling into the Gulf of Mexico today as raging flames melt the structures in a \$1,000,000 blaze.

Flames from the well roar 100 feet above the salt water. One well is the Shell Oil Co. No. 2, a mile and a half from the entrance of Pass a Loutre, easternmost mouth of the Mississippi River. The other is an uncompleted well alongside.

One man of the crew of 12 aboard the rig suffered second-degree burns. His condition was reported "good."

All others of the crew escaped in motorboats.

Paul Lewis, field foreman for Shell, visited the scene after the blast and said he believes intense pressure of gas escaping from the uncompleted well caused the explosion.

## Gustaf Reaches Riviera

NICE, France, Mar. 12 (AP).—King Gustaf V of Sweden arrived here today for a vacation. It was the 90-year-old monarch's 41st visit to the French Riviera.

## George VI Undergoes Operation To Bar Possible Loss of Leg

Condition Good After Surgery to Assist Blood Circulation

By the Associated Press  
LONDON, Mar. 12.—King George VI was operated on at Buckingham Palace today in an attempt to aid the blood circulation in his ailing right leg.

The nine doctors who attended the 53-year-old monarch said his condition "is entirely satisfactory" and there is no question of further surgery.

They hope the operation—called lumbar sympathectomy—will permit the blood to flow more freely to the right foot. It was performed, it was explained, lest gangrene develop and make amputation necessary.

King George threw off the effects of the anesthetic a half hour after the operation. His physicians said he would need to remain in bed for about a week, after which there would be a period of inactivity for convalescence.

Five nurses assisted the doctors. Three nurses will remain in constant attendance on the King while he is recovering.

Prof. J. R. Learmonth, an Edinburgh surgeon, performed the operation, cutting a small nerve center near the spine that controls the blood flow to the right leg. He was assisted by Prof. James Paterson Ross, surgeon of the University of London.

After the operation, which is

## King Could Obtain His Operation Free, But Probably Won't

By the Associated Press  
LONDON, Mar. 12.—King George, who called in nine of Britain's best doctors for his operation today, could get the surgery free under the nation's socialized medicine program if he wanted to.

But Buckingham Palace officials weren't saying whether the King has chosen to come under the "free medicine" plan.

Best opinion in unofficial circles familiar with the royal household was that it was "highly unlikely."

considered rather rare but not dangerous, Dr. Learmonth personally informed Queen Elizabeth that her husband's condition was satisfactory.

Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, who had remained overnight in the palace to be near the ailing King, left at noon.

A room of Buckingham Palace had been converted into a surgery for the operation. It was the same room in which King George's first grandson, Prince Charles, was born last fall.

A bulletin issued by the physicians said:

"An operation of lumbar sympathectomy."

## Hoover Group Urges Regulatory Boards' Powers Be Curtailed

Federal Power and Air Safety Rules Included In Proposed Changes

By Francis P. Douglas  
The Hoover Commission recommended to Congress today various steps to reduce "delay and inefficiency" in the Government's regulatory commissions and suggested that some of them be stripped of executive functions.

The report, the 12th submitted by the 12-man commission on Government reform, specifically proposed:

1. Power planning functions of the Federal Power Commission be transferred to the Interior Department.
2. Assurance of rules for safe operation of aircraft should be transferred to the Commerce Department, with the right of appeal to the Civil Aeronautics Board.

The commission said the investigation of aircraft accidents should remain with the CAB.

3. Salaries of all commissioners and board members should be "substantially raised" to attract men "of the desired caliber."
4. Extension of bipartisan representation to all commissions.
5. The Budget Bureau, aided by legal experts, study and suggest means of improving the work of the agencies and reducing their cost.

**Other Savings Indicated.**

Nine agencies studied by the Hoover Commission cost \$57,333,000 during the current fiscal year, and it was reported, "some reduction in this figure can be made."

"But the real savings can be found elsewhere," the commission added. "Delay and inefficiency in regulation involves large costs to the regulated industries themselves, which must be passed on to the public by one method or another. Expedient will mean vast savings as well as better justice."

The commission said also that subsidies, to the air lines and shipping industry for example, probably could be cut.

(See **HOOVER**, Page A-3.)

## U. S. Soldier Is Killed In Philippine Ambush

By the Associated Press  
MANILA, Mar. 12.—A hail of bullets from ambush killed an American soldier and two Filipino girls today. Five other girls were wounded.

The assailants opened fire with rifles and tommyguns on an Army bus within 300 yards of the big United States Airbase at Clark Field, 60 miles north of Manila in Central Luzon.

The bus, driven by the American soldier, was taking a group back home from a dance at the base. The driver and the two girls were killed instantly. Military police rushed the five wounded girls to a hospital at San Fernando in Pampanga Province.

Brig. Gen. J. V. Crabb, commanding the American 18th Fighter Wing, ordered an immediate investigation.

Gen. Crabb set up a rigid curfew. He ordered all American civilians and military personnel not to leave the air base after 6 p.m. until further orders. American civilians living near the air base were advised to remain home after dark.

Philippine constabulary and civil authorities joined American military police in investigating the attack.

## Text of Atlantic Pact Expected to Be Made Public Next Friday

Alliance Will Be Signed, Probably by 12 Nations, First Week in April

By Garnett D. Horner  
Anti-Communist powers linking their defenses in the North Atlantic security pact plan to make the historic treaty public next Friday and sign it here during the first week in April.

This schedule was announced after Secretary of State Acheson and Ambassadors of the seven other negotiating nations gave the treaty text a final polishing late yesterday.

The eight-nation lineup may be increased to 12 by the time the pact is signed. The Italian government announced yesterday its intention to join the alliance.

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## Britain Orders More Troops to Red Sea Port

London Reveals Move After Report of Jews 3 Miles From Aqaba

By the Associated Press  
LONDON, Mar. 12.—Britain ordered more troops today to reinforce her garrison at Aqaba, tiny Red Sea port which Trans-Jordan claims is threatened by Israeli forces.

The announcement of troop reinforcements was made by the War Office after Israeli soldiers were reported only 3 miles away from Aqaba, on the Palestine side of the desert frontier.

Although Israel and Trans-Jordan signed a cease-fire agreement yesterday at Rhodes, the British troop movement underlined the serious view that the London government took of the Israeli move in the Negev Desert.

Minister of State Hector McNeill told the House of Commons yesterday that King Abdullah's government that King Abdullah's gov-

ernment had reported a frontier clash between Israeli forces and Trans-Jordan police in the region.

**Deny Crossing Border.**

In Tel Aviv, Israeli officials denied that Jewish forces had crossed the Trans-Jordan frontier or intend any threat to British forces. About 1,000 British troops were sent to Aqaba last January at Abdullah's request under British-Trans-Jordan mutual defense treaty.

The War Office refused information on the size of the British reinforcements or where they were sent from.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Israeli troops were reported on the shore of the Gulf of Aqaba, across the Palestine-Trans-Jordan border from Aqaba. He refused to give any further details of reports to the Foreign Office.

The tough situation at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba arises from the Israeli claim to the southern sector of the Palestine Negev desert which would give Israel an outlet to the Red Sea. Britain and Trans-Jordan never have recognized Israel's claim to the Red Sea outlet.

**Shore Allotted to Israel.**

Informed observers in London believed the Israeli outpost was set up on the gulf shore before the Israeli-Trans-Jordan cease-fire agreement to reinforce Israel's claim to the area.

The 5-mile stretch of Negev desert along the Gulf of Aqaba was awarded to Israel under the November, 1947, partition resolution passed by the United Nations Assembly. The resolution never has been enforced, however.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett (Shertok) told newsmen yesterday in Tel Aviv that Israel regarded the Red Sea outlet as Jewish territory.

R. H. S. Crossman, a Labor M. P. who returned recently from a visit to Israel, has said Israel plans to establish its own port there to aid the economic development of the desert area and Dead Sea mineral deposits.

**6-Inch Snow in West Virginia**

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Mar. 12. (AP).—Snow ranging from 1 to 6 inches in depth, with temperatures in the low 20's was reported in most of West Virginia today.

**U. S. Car Given to Wife Costs Briton \$4,800 in Tax at Home**

LIVERPOOL, England, Mar. 12. —Sir Robert Craigie, former British Ambassador to Japan, looked mournfully today at an American automobile given his wife, and decided that American presents are sometimes heavy burdens.

The customs men charged him £400 (\$1,600) and the collectors of the purchase tax took their cut—£800 (\$3,200).

Sir Robert and Lady Craigie returned on the Cunard Liner Media today from a three-month visit in the United States. The car, a sleek maroon Cadillac, was a gift from Lady Craigie's mother, widow of Pleasant A. Stovall of Savannah, Ga.

Sir Robert estimated the value of the car, slightly used, at about £1,000 (\$4,000).

An excise official on Liverpool's rain-swept docks explained that the fact that the car is a gift makes no difference—that purchase tax and import duty amount to 100 per cent.

"I think the import duty is very heavy and I shall take up the matter with customs headquarters in London," said Sir Robert.

"Never bring a car to England," said Lady Craigie.



## Mine Shutdown Starts Monday; Railroads to Lay Off 35,000

Lewis' Action Brings Renewed Call for Tougher Labor Laws

By James Y. Newton  
A two-week shutdown of soft and hard coal mines east of the Mississippi will start Monday as a result of a call by John L. Lewis for 400,000 miners to lay down their tools in renewed protest against President Truman's two-year-old selection of James Boyd as head of the Federal Bureau of Mines.

Mr. Lewis took advantage of a provision of his United Mine Workers' contract with the mine operators which allows for the calling of "memorial" stoppages of work on due notice. In a bitter attack on Mr. Boyd, who, lacking Senate confirmation for the job, has served mostly without pay, Mr. Lewis told the miners they would mourn the "unnecessary slaughter" of 55,115 men killed and injured in the pits last year.

Outside of the layoffs at the mines and on coal-carrying railroads, the latest mine shutdown will have little effect on the country. Supplies of coal on hand are abnormally large, partly because of the mild winter throughout the East. Federal officials estimated (Continued on Page A-3, Col. 5.)

**Pennsy and C. & O. Lead Coal Carriers In Reducing Staffs**

BULLETIN  
The number of railroad workers being furloughed as a result of the scheduled coal mine stoppage mounted to more than 35,000 today when the Norfolk and Western announced plans to lay off 4,500 workers and the New York Central said it would furlough about 600.

The Pennsylvania Railroad announced today it will furlough about 20,000 employees because of the two-week shutdown of coal mines, bringing to 30,000 the announced layoffs by the carriers.

The Chesapeake & Ohio said earlier it would furlough, effective next Wednesday, 10,000 of its employees as a result of John L. Lewis' "memorial" mine shutdown. Other coal-carrying railroads are expected to follow suit.

A Pennsylvania statement said the suspension of mining operations will cause a serious decline in traffic and will cut the road's gross revenues between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. Pennsylvania hauls about 112,000,000 tons of coal a year.

"With normal traffic volume already showing a decline of 13 per cent," the statement said. (Continued on Page A-3, Col. 2.)

## Vatican Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Pope's Coronation

Pontifical Mass Held in Sistine Chapel; Envoys Attend in Full Dress

By the Associated Press  
VATICAN CITY, Mar. 12.—The Vatican today celebrated the 10th anniversary of Pope Pius XII's spiritual rule of the world's Roman Catholics with a colorful, solemn mass in Rome's famous Sistine Chapel.

Cardinals, prelates, priests and members of the diplomatic corps assigned to the Holy See attended the pontifical mass marking the anniversary of the Pope's coronation.

The Pope, dressed in a white cape and wearing his triregnum—a bee-hive shaped crown—was carried reverently to the chapel in his sedia Gestatoria, or ruler's chair.

Thronged of faithful along the route cheered him, shouting "Viva il Papa! Viva il Papa!"

The Pope imparted benediction to all present at the end of the mass along with a 30-year indulgence.

**Diplomats Attend.**

Members of the diplomatic corps wore full ceremonial dress and decorations. Fourteen cardinals, dressed in long red, ermine-trimmed capes were present. Greetings came to the pontiff (See **POPE**, Page A-2.)

## Slain Woman's Body Found On U. S. Estate in London

By the Associated Press  
LONDON, March 12.—The body of a woman, her head battered beyond recognition, was found at dawn today on the grounds of Windfold House, the million-dollar London mansion built by Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress.

The woman, whose age was estimated at 40 to 50, has not been identified.

Scotland Yard officers scoured the 15-acre grounds, searching under trees and along a canal for clues.

The mansion, now owned by the United States Government, is being fitted for use by American authorities. It is called "a country estate in London." Only Buckingham Palace, in London, has larger grounds.

Clendenin Ryan, a grandson of Thomas Fortune Ryan, the financier, announced Thursday he was establishing the Good Government Foundation and underwriting it for \$500,000.

The organization "will expose corruption in public office everywhere," he declared. "It will go anywhere, in Louisiana, Georgia, and other States."

Clendenin Ryan also has launched a determined drive to oust Mayor O'Dwyer in this fall's election.

On Wednesday he went to City Hall with a series of questions for the Mayor. One of them asked whether Frank Costello, gambling figure, is really "the boss of New York City."

Mayor O'Dwyer did not comment on the questions except to say "another crackpot."

Yesterday Clendenin Ryan went (See **WIRETAPPING**, Page A-2.)

## Two Buses, Four Autos Pile Up; 14 Injured

By the Associated Press  
AUBURN, Calif., Mar. 12.—Two Greyhound buses and four automobiles piled up when a woman driver stopped to adjust her windshield wiper in a mountain blizzard yesterday.

Six persons were taken to hospitals and eight others suffered lesser injuries.

The buses were en route to San Francisco from Salt Lake City.

The accident occurred on highway 40 near Colfax. It blocked the Transcontinental route for more than two hours.

## Filibuster Curb Pressed Despite Defeat in Test

Tydings Cites Tangle Of World Affairs In Urging Senate Action

(Roll Call on Page A-2.)  
By J. A. O'Leary  
Administration sources went on with their fight to curb Senate filibustering today despite defeat in a major test last night.

Taking a new approach, however, Senator Tydings, Democrat, of Maryland, pictured the unsettled condition of world affairs, rather than civil rights, as a major reason why the Senate should free itself from the possibility of being tied up by a filibuster.

When the Senate voted, 46 to 41, last night to overrule a decision by Vice President Barkley which would have paved the way for a more effective debate-limiting rule, most observers agreed the administration lost nearly all chance of changing the rules at this time.

"This Senate is in its horse and buggy days as far as its rules are concerned for dealing with a possible contingency in which the Nation's existence may be at stake," Senator Tydings warned.

**Lucas Announces Decision.**

Majority Leader Lucas announced the decision to continue the fight after a strategy huddle during the morning. He said administration leaders would keep on this afternoon and tonight.

At the same time, Senator Russell, Democrat, of Georgia, told reporters his southern bloc is open to "any reasonable compromise."

Before crowded galleries at 10 o'clock last night, a coalition of 23 Republicans and 23 Democrats overruled a decision by Vice President Barkley which would have made it possible for two-thirds of the Senate to shut off debate without waiting for permanent revision of the rule.

Both major parties were badly split on the issue, as 18 Republicans went over to the administration side in support of the Barkley ruling.

**Showdown Is Close.**

The showdown was so close the administration would have won if three Senators had switched over to the Barkley side.

Most observers at the Capitol believe administration leaders will abandon the anti-filibuster fight sometime next week and return to fight another day.

On the surface, the pending battle has been waged on the issue of freedom of debate on any issue. In the background, however, the moving force behind the rule fight has been the civil rights program, which the South has always blocked by extended debate.

At the climax of the fight last night, Senator Lucas sought to make the roll call a test of the civil rights issue, and Senator Myers, Democrat, of Pennsylvania joined in by asking his floor leader if this might prove to be the only chance the Senate may get to vote on civil rights at this session.

Senator Lucas said that is "a very good possibility."

**Republican Plank Is Read.**

Just before the roll was called Senator Lucas turned toward the Republican side of the chamber and read the plank on civil rights adopted at the Republican convention in Philadelphia last summer.

After recalling the Republican plank was adopted unanimously, Senator Lucas observed that "we didn't get a unanimous endorsement at our convention, but we won just the same."

He told the Republicans this would be their first opportunity since the last campaign to support their platform by supporting the Barkley decision on rules.

As soon as the vote was over Senator Baldwin of Connecticut, (See **FILIBUSTER**, Page A-2.)

## Truman Keeps Silence On Filibuster, Mines

By Joseph A. Fox  
Star Staff Correspondent  
KEY WEST, Fla., Mar. 12.—The "Little White House" today refused comment on the administration defeat in the critical test of the Senate filibuster last night when a 46-41 vote beat down a decision by Vice President Barkley that would have choked off the talking marathon.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said President Truman had been advised of the setback, but would have nothing to say. Mr. Truman also withheld comment on the two-week coal mine stoppage ordered by John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers' president, in protest against the appointment of Dr. James Boyd as director of the Bureau of Mines.

Members of the President's staff were headed for a fishing trip this afternoon, but the President had no plans to go along. He was lunching with Chief Justice Vinson and Representative Smathers, Democrat of Florida, who were arriving aboard the Presidential plane Independence from Washington today.